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BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING

The Board of Abatement of the Town of Morristown, notified and warned, met in the Conference Room at the Municipal Office Building, 43 Portland Street in said town on Monday August 7, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

BOA Members present: Rhoda Bedell, Judy Bickford, Donald Blake, Julia Compagna, Eric Dodge, Francis Favreau, Monte Mason, Shelley Nolan, Brent Paine, Siri Rooney, Ronald Stancliff, Edward Wilson, Brian Kellogg and Sara Haskins, Clerk

Listers present: Charles McArthur, Duane Sprague & Richard Tomlinson

Appellants present: none

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.
- There were no changes and additions to the posted agenda.
- Upon motion by Donald Blake and seconded by Monte Mason, Francis Favreau was elected unanimously as Chair of the Board.
- Upon motion by Brian Kellogg and seconded by Duane Sprague, Edward Wilson was elected unanimously as Vice-Chair of the Board.
- Upon motion by Eric Dodge and seconded by Ronald Stancliff, the minutes of the June 1, 2017 were approved with the correction of a typo.
- Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535, to consider abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed.
 - 6:35 PM- Donald Sawyer (#21092): Letter of request was read. Appellant was not present to offer testimony or evidence to support the request. The property is a rental home deeded to Donald Sawyer on November 10, 2004 by his father, Allen Sawyer, with Allen retaining a life estate life. Allen Sawyer passed away on March 7, 2017 at which time the property automatically transferred ownership to Donald. On June 16, 2017 Donald Sawyer paid the delinquent property taxes for the FY1516 and FY1617 tax years including all interest and penalty in full. On June 20, 2017 Donald presented a written request under criteria # 1 and criteria #3 stating circumstances beyond his control and debt incurred by his father as his reasons for abatement. Edward Wilson moved to abate \$4,924.73 under criteria # 1 taxes of persons who have died insolvent and criteria #3 taxes of persons who are unable to

pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg.
Upon vote, the motion failed.

- Upon motion by Duane Sprague and seconded by Brian Kellogg, the BOA voted affirmatively to authorize the Treasurer going forward to eliminate small balances due in an amount not to exceed \$10.00 per parcel and make an annual report to the Board of Abatement.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM upon motion by Brian Kellogg and seconded by Edward Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Haskins, Clerk- Board of Abatement